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April 19, 2001

Honorable Rosemary F. Center
General Counsel
Kentucky Registry of Election Finance
140 Walnut Street
Frankfort, KY 40601

Dear Ms. Center:

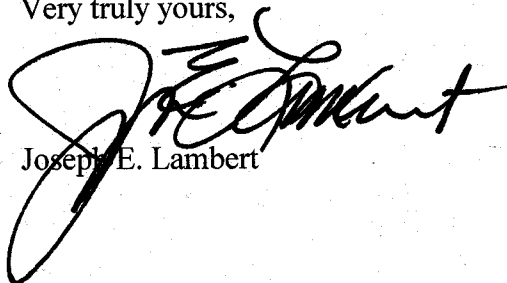
I am in the process of forming a political issues committee to support passage of an amendment to the Constitution of Kentucky that would expressly authorize creation and operation of family courts. The Family Court Amendment, Senate Bill 58, was adopted by the General Assembly during its 2001 session.

This letter is to inquire as to the Registry's interpretation of certain statutes concerning the amount that individuals or corporations may contribute to political action committees. Specifically, I wish to have an opinion as to whether the Registry of Election Finance enforces the \$1,000 contribution limit set forth in KRS 121.150(6). I recognize that any such decision will be influenced by Citizens Against Rent Control v. Berkley and other decisions that have broadly held that contribution limits on "issues advocacy" are unconstitutional and unenforceable.

I appreciate your courtesy when we spoke by telephone and I will look forward to having an answer from the Registry at your earliest convenience.

With kind regards, I am

Very truly yours,



Joseph E. Lambert

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